



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs **Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source**

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF FORT WAYNE
Water Pollution Control Plant Planning and Design
of Effluent Pump Station and Misc. Hydraulic Improvements
SRF # WW 11 17 01 06

Date: Aug 16, 2012

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the city's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)
Planning and Design for Effluent Pump
Station and Misc. Hydraulic Improvements**
City of Fort Wayne Utilities Engineering
200 East Berry Street, Citizens Square, Ste. 270
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

SRF Project Number: WW11 17 01 06

Authorized Representative: Kumar Menon
Director of Public Works and Utilities

II. PROJECT LOCATION

This project will not require construction activity.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The WPCP planning and design project will fund design of a plant effluent pump station and miscellaneous hydraulic improvements to achieve a plant capacity of 85 MGD, in accordance with the need identified in the city's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). LTCP implementation will improve water quality in the St. Mary's, St. Joseph and Maumee rivers.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The estimated planning and design cost is \$1,406,205. Fort Wayne will borrow approximately \$1,406,205 from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program for a 20-year term at an annual interest rate to be determined at loan closing. The city has adjusted, and will continue to adjust, its rates and charges in order to pay for this project and debt service.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Consistent with the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. on January 11, 2012 in the City County Building, Room 035. No members of the public were present. No negative comments on this project were voiced at the public hearing, and no written comments were submitted in the five-day period following the hearing.